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## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi TSUDA et al.

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For: MERCHANDISE MANAGEMENT METHOD, MERCHANDISE RECOMMENDATION

METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM THEREFOR

## **RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on April 17, 2006.

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